

**City of Alton City Commission
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
July 13, 2021 Minutes**



Members Present

Mayor Salvador Vela
Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr
Commissioner Ricardo Garza
Commissioner Richard Arevalo
Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr

City Staff Present

Jeff Underwood
Ricardo Gonzalez
Baudelia Rojas
Cristina Garcia
Jonathan Flores
Rosie Tello
Janie Gaytan

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM IS PRESENT

With a quorum of the Alton City Commission present, Mayor Salvador Vela called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

II. CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of June 8, 2021.

Discuss and consider approving Ordinance 2021-11, voluntary annexation request from Blesson George to annex 5.0 acre tract, more or less, out of Lot 44-9, West Addition to Sharyland Subdivision.

Discuss and consider request by Quintanilla, Headley & Associates on behalf of Red Rock Real Estate Group Ltd, owner to rezone a tract at 509 N Alton Boulevard from "C-2" (general commercial) District and "R-2" (single family residential-standard lot) District to "D" (duplex/fourplex) District.

Discuss and consider a wholesale wastewater collection and treatment agreement with Izaguirre Real Estate Holdings, LLC for Eduardo's Subdivision No. 19.

Discuss and consider request by Melden & Hunt, Inc for preliminary approval of the proposed Westwood Villas Subdivision.

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Re-appointment of City Secretary.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated that re-appointed must be done every year and Mrs. Baudelia Rojas serves a dual role of City Secretary and Assistant City Manager. Mr. Underwood stated that he recommends approval. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Temp Galvan and seconded by Commissioner Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Presentation of FBI LEEDA Agency Trilogy Award by FBI LEEDA Instructor Chief Todd Radford.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager, stated that Mr. Perry Tarrant, Executive Director of FBI LEEDA was in attendance to present an award to the Alton Police Department. Jonathan Flores, Police Chief, stated that FBI LEEDA was brought in to Alton and all supervisory staff has gone through the program.

3. Adoption of Proclamation 2021-05 proclaiming July 16, 2021 as National Park and Recreation Professionals Day.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager, thanked all the Parks and Recreation staff that were present for their hard work. Mr. Samm Mercado, Parks Director, explained the scope of all the work done by parks and recreation staff and read the proclamation which designates July 16 as Park and Recreation Professionals Day. Mr. Mercado stated that the department name has been change to Community Services Department. Motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Temp Galvan and seconded by Commissioner Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Discuss and consider approving Ordinance 2021-12 approving a negotiated resolution between the City and Texas Gas Services regarding the company's April 29, 2021 cost of service adjustment filing, declaring existing rates to be unreasonable.

Mr Jeff Underwood, City Manager, stated that resolution was reviewed and recommended as reasonable by the City's consulting attorneys. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Galvan and was seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Discussion of the City of Alton Budget related to the American Rescue Plan funding.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager stated the City will receive \$4.4 million through the American Rescue Plan Act. Mr. Underwood provided a breakdown of where he believes the money may be best spent. This is a discussion item. No action required.

6. Discuss and consider authorizing the City Engineer, HCE, to design a storm water pump station at the Trosper Heights Subdivision #2 retention pond.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager, stated that this is a retention pond so it does not have an outfall until water is pumped out. Mr. Underwood stated that the City Engineer would design a permanent pump station. This item and cost is for the design of the pump station only. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Temp Galvan and was seconded by Commissioner Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Discuss and consider authorizing staff to seek sealed bids for the construction of Phase 2 of the Louisiana Street Regional Storm Water Detention Facility.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager, stated phase one of this facility provided relief during the recent storms but it has reached capacity so he would like to move forward with phase two which is more excavation of the 17 acre site. This project would alleviate the area from flooding issues and alleviate staff from having to pump water out of the area. Staff recommends approval. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Temp Galvan and was seconded by Commissioner Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Discuss and consider authorizing staff to purchase a 2021 Peterbilt Refuse Truck through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative – Buyboard.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager, stated that the City's service continues to grow and has put a lot of stress on the current equipment. The current equipment has aged and has had maintenance problems. Currently the purchase of such truck is taking almost a full year to complete. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Temp Galvan and was seconded by Commissioner Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Updated Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster due to public health emergency.

Jeff Underwood, City Manager, stated the Texas Governor extended the declaration through July 27, 2021. Motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Temp Galvan and was seconded by Commissioner Garza. Motion carried 5-0.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071 & 551.072

- a) Pending and/or potential litigation
- b) Personnel
- c) Real Estate

VII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- a) Pending and/or potential litigation
- b) Personnel
- c) Real Estate

VIII. CITY MANAGERS REPORT:

Jeff Underwood, City Manager thanked all the Public Works staff for all the hard work they have done during the recent storms which brought about 12 inches of rain.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm was made by Mayor Pro Tem Galvan and seconded by Commissioner Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

CITY OF ALTON



Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:



Baudelia Rojas CPM, TRMC|CMC
City Secretary



Approved by City Commission 08/10/2021